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BERN FOR INDIAN OCEAN DELEGATION

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, MASS, ET, SO, IN, UR
SUBJ: INDIAN AMBASSADOR ON SOVIET-CUBAN PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA

REF: MOSCOW 02429 (NOTAL)

1. INDIAN AMBASSADOR VINAY VERMA, WHO IS AWARE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER TO INDIAN PRIME MINISTER ON HORN, TOLD CHARGE EVENING FEB 18 THAT INDIAN INTERESTS RUN PARALLEL TO THOSE OF THE UNITED STATES IN GETTING LARGE SOVIET AND CUBAN PRESENCE OUT OF ETHIOPIA. SUCH PRESENCE RUNS COUNTER TO GOI EFFORTS TO LIMIT BIG POWER FORCE IN INDIAN OCEAN AREA. HE THEREFORE WELCOMED THE INDICATION SPECIAL EMISSARY HAD RECEIVED FROM CHAIRMAN MENGISTU THAT ETHIOPIA DOES NOT REGARD THOSE FORCES AS A PERMANENT FEATURE OF THE AREA BUT AS TEMPORARY FORCE NECESSARY TO REPEL SOMALI AGGRESSION.

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2. INDIAN EMBASSY HAS NEVER BEEN VERY WELL INFORMED NOR SEEMED TO EXERT MUCH IF ANY INFLUENCE ON EPMG. IT IS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT VERMA, WHO IS NEWLY ARRIVED (AND APPARENTLY WELL KNOWN IN WASHINGTON), HAS PRETENTIONS TO STATEMANSHIP AND HE SEEMS TO BE SEEKING A ROLE FOR INDIA IN THE HORN EQUATION. HIS SYMPATHY FOR ETHIOPIA'S POSITION VIS-A-VIS SOMALIA IS UNEQUIVOCAL, SO HE MAY BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH

CREDENTIALS WHICH COULD HELP MODIFY SOVIET/CUBAN ROLES, IF
THAT IS, IN FACT, HIS GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION. OUR RELATIONS
WITH HIM ARE EXCELLENT, INCIDENTALLY, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO
ENCOURAGE HIM TO POINT OUT DANGER OF LARGE SOVIET/CUBAN
PRESENCE.

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